

**§ 52C-7-704. Initiation by Department of support proceeding under Convention.**

- (a) In a support proceeding under this Article, the Department shall do the following:
  - (1) Transmit and receive applications.
  - (2) Initiate or facilitate the institution of a proceeding regarding an application in a tribunal of this State.
- (b) The following support proceedings are available to an obligee under the Convention:
  - (1) Recognition or recognition and enforcement of a foreign support order.
  - (2) Enforcement of a support order issued or recognized in this State.
  - (3) Establishment of a support order if there is no existing order, including, if necessary, determination of parentage of a child.
  - (4) Establishment of a support order if recognition of a foreign support order is refused under G.S. 52C-7-708(b)(2), (4), or (9).
  - (5) Modification of a support order of a tribunal of this State.
  - (6) Modification of a support order of a tribunal of another state or foreign country.
- (c) The following support proceedings are available under the Convention to an obligor against which there is an existing support order:
  - (1) Recognition of an order suspending or limiting enforcement of an existing support order of a tribunal of this State.
  - (2) Modification of a support order of a tribunal of this State.
  - (3) Modification of a support order of a tribunal of another state or a foreign country.
- (d) A tribunal of this State may not require security, bond, or deposit, however described, to guarantee the payment of costs and expenses in proceedings under the Convention. (2015-117, s. 1.)